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INDIANA'S BIGGEST VOTE FRAUD

State Drivers Council Asks Better Service From WLB

Union Officers Irked By Delay In Adjustments

Why Should It Take
12 Months for Action
On 12-Hour Subject?

Members of the Indiana State Drivers Council are thoroughly dissatisfied with the manner in which their cases are being adjusted by the Sixth Regional War Labor Board in Chicago.

The board's interminable delays in some cases, speeding up of others (though rarely) and its general indifference toward the important work for which it was created, came up for a first-class panning at the Council's October meeting, held in the Claypool Hotel.

Consensus of the Teamster Union leaders was that the board members do not appear to realize that their decisions actually govern the wages and working conditions of workers on the home front who are doing everything they can to help win the war.

Workers' Earnings at Stake

"These workers—the Teamsters—are entitled to consideration in their demands for living wages and reasonable hours. It is the War Labor Board's business to give them that consideration. But what are the workers getting too often from the board? A run-around." This

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Teamsters Fete Wives in Gary

GARY—Mr. and Mrs. Steve Toth were voted the most handsome couple at the big party thrown Saturday night, November 4, by Joint Council No. 11 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, in Terry's, Merrillville, near here.

This was the first time in history that Lake County Teamsters entertained their wives at a union social event, and everything went so well that the chances are the mesdames will get another evening some time.

Fred Schutz was M. C. for 150 delegates and introduced the speakers, who included Roscoe Colby, Council president.

The committee in charge was composed of Steve Toth, Mike So-wochka, Fred Schutz, Pete Johnson, Harry Cole, William Lowther, J. F. Strickland, Bill Sullivan and Russ Jenkins.

AF of L CONVENTION

NEW ORLEANS. — Delegates have begun arriving here for the meetings of the three AFL departments which serve as curtain raisers for the 64th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor.

The convention starts Nov. 20.



"CERTIFICATE OF ERROR" VICTIM

This young woman registered in the office of A. Jack Tilson, Marion county clerk, early in October in order to vote in the Presidential election November 7. When she arrived on that day at her voting precinct, however, she was informed that the county clerk had "lost" her registration record and that it would be necessary for her to return to the County Courthouse and obtain a certificate of error. While waiting in line in the crowded, unventilated corridor, she fainted and had to be cared for by Patrolman Harry Hammond (pictured with her).

Drunken Women Clerks Destroy National Election Vote Records

A verbal picture showing one scene in Indiana's biggest election fraud, in which drunken women clerks destroyed records of registration in the national election—and thus helped steal votes from President Roosevelt and Governor Henry F. Schricker, Senatorial candidate—was broadcast over Indianapolis radios November 3 by Walter A. Shead, an eyewitness of the spectacle.

Shead is a well known former Indianapolis newspaper man and until recently was publicity chief of the War Finance division, U. S. Treasury Department in Washington. As publicity director for the Marion County Democratic Committee, he visited the office of the Marion County Clerk, A. Jack Tilson, on the night of November 2. There he witnessed the drunken orgy which he described on the radio, and which he will be asked about by the U. S. Senate investigating committee. A copy of his radio script is presented herewith.

WALTER A. SHEAD SPEAKING:

"This is a Republican registration."

This was the answer yelled by George Johnson, Boss Jim Bradford's election supervisor in the courthouse this morning when James L. Beatty, Democratic county chairman protested against Johnson's attempt to tear out pages of the registration books.

This was after midnight last night. I was there. I saw men drunk. Women were drunk and hurling screaming epithets in the courthouse corridors. Carroll Kramer, Bradford's director of registrations led one screaming woman away and up the stairs.

Jack Tilson, Bradford's county clerk, stood there gazing at the woman. "I wonder who she is?" he said to no one in particular. It turned out that she was one of his help, hired to work on the registration books. Tilson then followed Kramer and the screaming woman up the stairs.

Friends, this happened in your courthouse last night after midnight. Registration lists were scattered all over the courthouse. Some were in the commissioners' court room. Some in the Superior court rooms. Some in the Prosecutor's office. Some in the Grand Jury room.

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Marion Co. Leads State-Wide Ballot Swindle Now Under Fire In Two Federal Investigations

Legality of Capehart's Election Is Questioned
By Wholesale Disfranchisement of Citizens
And "Irregular" Action by Attorney General

By SCOTT ARMSTRONG

What appeared on November 7 to be just another Hoosier election day, in which both sides did a bit of cheating, has developed into a scandal of such proportions that already two federal agencies are investigating one of the biggest election frauds of all time in Indiana.

Charges say that 20,000 citizens of Marion county and 30,000 to 40,000 elsewhere in the state were robbed of their vote by a gang of politicians who bungled registration records for the purpose of electing Republican candidates, including Homer E. Capehart to the United States Senate.

The charges, made by Newton M. Goudy, editor of the HOOSIER SENTINEL, official Democratic newspaper; Henry O. Goett, Democratic district chairman; James L. Beatty, Democratic county chairman; Powers Hapgood, regional representative of the CIO; Walter Frisbie, head of the CIO in Indiana, and others, if substantiated, might keep Capehart out of the Senate and send several election officials to the federal penitentiary.

Professional Politicians Under Fire

Among those being questioned by federal investigators are:

James L. Bradford, Eleventh District GOP chairman, boss of election machinery in the county.

A. Jack Tilson, county clerk of Marion county, who admittedly took his orders from Boss Bradford and hired registration clerks, who he now says, "Couldn't read or write."

Carroll Kramer, Fourth Ward Republican chairman.

George Johnson, secretary to the Marion county Republican committee, who, with Kramer was inducted into the county clerk's office on orders of Boss Bradford, for the specific purpose of destroying public records, according to charges.

The two investigations are being conducted by U.

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This Editor Bets Navy Officers Lose Libel Suit Against Tobin

The editor of The Indiana Teamster would like to bet anyone one hundred dollars (\$100) cash that a libel suit brought by two naval officers against the International Teamster magazine and Daniel J. Tobin will be (1) dropped and never brought to trial or (2) if tried, decided not in favor of the complaining naval officers.

The suit, for \$200,000, was brought by the two naval officers involved in the so-called battle of the Statler on September 23, following the Teamsters' reception to President Roosevelt. The suit was filed a few days before the November 7 general election, and was given front-page pub-

licity by Republican newspapers throughout the nation.

Timing of the suit and publicity given to it was calculated to discredit the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in the efforts of 625,000 members to re-elect Roosevelt.

The suit is based upon an article published in the November issue of the International Teamster, under the heading, "Here's the True Statler Story!" The article contains affidavits of seven witnesses to the allegations of the magazine that the officers were themselves the aggressors in the fracas, and not the union members.

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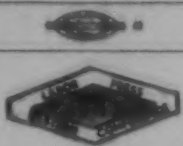
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Labor Takes Beating



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LOUIS LUDLOW

Although Indiana labor profited in the Presidential election of November 7, it took a terrific punch on the chin here at home. Its principal setback came in the re-election of eight Hoosier Congressmen, whose past records commit them to vote for everything anti-labor, anti-Administration that seeps into Washington.

Of the state's eleven districts, only three voted to send labor friends to Congress. These friends are Charles M. LaFollette, Republican, of Evansville, who polled a strong labor vote; and the two Congressmen pictured above, Louis Ludlow, of Indianapolis, and Ray J. Madden, of Gary. Ludlow's actual majority must have been tremendous, considering that he won even without the 20,000 votes stolen from labor by the Marion County Republican machine.

The eight wrongcons re-elected to look after the exclusive interests of big business are:

Forest A. Harness, of Kokomo; Earl Wilson, of Huron, representing Ivan Morgan's feudal system; Robert A. Grant, of South Bend; Charles A. Halleck, of Rensselaer; Raymond Springer, of Connersville; George W. Gillie, of Fort Wayne; Noble J. Johnson, of Terre Haute, and Gerald W. Landis, of Linton.

Indianapolis will have a hard fight to hold its own in the 1945 State Legislature, both houses of which will be overwhelmingly Republican, as in two previous General Assemblies.

Labor has gained one seat in the Senate and 13 in the Lower House, but the five Senators and 37 Representatives which the Labor Advisory Committee of the Democratic State Central Committee had prescribed for defeat were all re-elected Nov. 7, save three Lower House members.

This means that Senators John W. Atherton and Robert L. Brokenburr of Indianapolis, Lucius Somers of Hoagland, Harry M. Shull of Auburn and Elgar I. Higgs of Connersville will have another chance to vote their anti-labor sentiments as in 1943, when an attempt was made to railroad an act through the Senate calculated to abolish labor unions in Indiana.

Governor-elect Ralph F. Gates pledged during his campaign for election to go along with labor and help keep its gains, made under the New Deal and Democratic state government. Fact remains, however, that Republican majorities in the Senate, of 37 to 13 Democrats and in the House of 69 to 31 Democrats, will make possible a considerable amount of partisan legislation. This will be in the interest of the factory owners, not the factory workers; of employers generally, not the employees.

What Indiana labor does not want is the kind of law the bosses have just put over in the states of Arkansas and Florida—anti-closed shop constitutional amendments. If Indiana gets anything like that God help the unions! What Indiana labor must do is hang together. Otherwise, as the saying goes, we might hang separately.



By Al Lindahl

- Oct. 6—Another day, another issue, and it is rumored that Emil Rods opened up a new territory.
- Oct. 7—It is also rumored that there is to be a new floor in the racking room.
- Oct. 8—The notes Bill Cleary sends up to John and Ida from the basement are the real McCoy.
- Oct. 9—Has Charlie Richardson cooled off?
- Oct. 10—Has Bruno Balestri gone to work in the bottle shop on the 6:30 a. m. to 7:30 a. m. shift?
- Oct. 11—Is it possible to have a raffle that Pinky Johnson does not win?
- Oct. 12—Who pays for the one that broke on the basement floor, Cobert?
- Oct. 13—Good old Friday the 13th. A happy birthday to Pearl Eby and may the hand prints not show.
- Oct. 14—Danny Farkas has worn out the two sets of pictures that were taken of that hunting trip up in South Dakota.
- Oct. 15—Joe, the Grease-Ball, must be dry as he showed up for work after the usual.
- Oct. 16—Don't ask Gordon Weist if his car was on fire.
- Oct. 17—Joe Wenczits and Ida Troeger must be feuding as Joe seems to be laughing most of the time.
- Oct. 18—Alice Bash and Marion "Pat" Fredericks must have been in a wreck or something as they're still among the missing.
- Oct. 19—Joe Voxman changed hotels and claims the soup is all water. What's the matter, you drunk? Not the law surely.
- Oct. 20—Bobbie Singleton is now a member of Uncle Sam's forces.
- Oct. 21—Joe Takacs sold his steed and bought Bob's car. Now he can't get to work.
- Oct. 22—Dooley and Cenkush have been on nights so long they look like owls.
- Oct. 23—Fred Rock's son, Bud, started to work in the wash-house. So watch out, Rock!
- Oct. 24—"Ram" Cobert looks a lot better after all the goods have been raffled off.
- Oct. 25—Don't accept any rides with Carl Theede and his egg-beater, as we have not determined how many were killed in that wreck.
- Oct. 26—I wonder if Lorry Macht is going in business with George Popp as all they seem to get done is Chicago trucks.
- Oct. 27—Did Tom Jeanneret and Tom Hedrick get "Sig" on that fish story?
- Oct. 28—The big party night and as usual I missed.
- Oct. 29—I bet Mac came out ahead in the poker game.
- Oct. 30—Helen Clazewski sure looks good after that week off while "Slim," her husband, was home on furlough.
- Oct. 31—Did you buy that War Bond this month?
- Nov. 1—Take it easy, boys, the floor will be completed this week.
- Nov. 2—Charlie Lawson should watch those steps as the first one may be a long one.
- Nov. 3—Just made a down payment on a pack of cigarettes.
- Nov. 4—Catching hell from Mike Granat, so will wind this one up with the thought that our president, F. D. Roosevelt, will be kept in office for another term.
- (Editor's Note Nov. 8—And how!)

Drunken Women Clerks

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Now these are public documents. Upon these lists depend your right to vote in this election next Tuesday. What is Jim Bradford's board trying to do, even before the votes are cast?

It was the appointment of Kramer and Johnson that Boss Jim Bradford boasted last August had won the election for him.

Republican ward chairmen and Republican precinct committeemen were there working on the lists. What were they doing with these lists? These ward chairmen had no business or authority handling these registration lists. Those who were identified to me were George Heiney, chairman of the 5th Ward; Leo Brown, 8th Ward chairman, and Mrs. Agnes Todd, the Republican county vice-chairman. Why were these people in the courthouse at midnight handling these registration lists? They have not been appointed, insofar as anyone knows, to any official connection with the registration boards.

Beatty asked Tilson several times why the lists were scattered about the courthouse and why these people were handling them.

Tilson gave him no answer except to admit "the lists are in a hell of a mess" due to errors by inexperienced help, so dumb they can't read or write. Tilson hired these people.

"Well, you're only going to go so far, Tilson, and then we are going to take some action," Beatty said.

Tilson replied that we would sleep over it and give him some answer tomorrow, that's today. Tilson threatened to fire all the Democratic employees and replace them with Republicans.

Now, my friends, there are about 306,000 names of registered voters in those lists in the courthouse. After what is going on there, no one knows how many will be torn out or what number will go out to the precincts on election day.

George Johnson tilted their hand when he yelled, "This is a Republican registration." And yet the names of all the qualified voters of this county are supposed to be there as a qualification for their right to vote on election day, Democrats, Republicans, Prohibitionists and Socialists.

The Indianapolis Star was right when it charged that this crowd—the Lyons crowd—has "assumed dictatorship of the Republican party in Indiana."

It's time the citizens of this community took a hand to protect their right of franchise.

GOSSIP-ON-A-SPREE!! FROM LOCAL 193

By FRANK M. FRIEL

Next regular meeting of Local 193 will be held Friday, Dec. 8 at 8 p. m. in the Union hall, 28 W. North St.

The hearing on the Aero Mayflower Transit Co. garage employees was held Monday, Nov. 6, before hearing officer Lightner. We are now awaiting reports and recommendations from Mr. Lightner regarding this case.

The case of F. R. Perkins Trucking Co., covering drivers and helpers of the Pearson Piano Co., and the Hoosier Furniture Co., has not been approved by the OPA as yet. These employees were granted five cents an hour increase by the National War Labor Board in April. Mr. Perkins applied to the OPA for price relief but has had no answer on this matter.

Shop Stewards' meeting will be held Friday, December 1, at 8 p. m. in the Union Hall, 28 West North St. It is imperative that all stewards attend these meetings, as many problems are discussed and settled in these meetings.

REMEMBER, TEAMSTERS!
KEEP WRITING, KEEP BUYING
AND KEEP GIVING THAT
BLOOD THAT KEEPS THEM
FIGHTING, FLYING AND LIV-
ING.

SHIPYARD WORKERS NEEDED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—West Coast shipbuilding and naval repair yards must have an additional 25,000 workers this month to meet urgent accelerating military orders, according to Paul V. McNutt, War Manpower Commissioner.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AND MARCH 3, 1933

Of The Indiana Teamster, published monthly at 28 W. North St., Indianapolis, Indiana, for October, 1944.

State of Indiana, County of Marion, ss:
Before me, a Notary Public, in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Scott Armstrong, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the present Editor of The Indiana Teamster, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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SCOTT ARMSTRONG

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of October, 1944.

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(My commission expires June 21, 1945.)

EMMERT'S "OPINION" HELPS GOP CHEAT VOTERS

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S. District Attorney B. Howard Caughran, who has received complaints from many disfranchised voters, and Harold Buckles, of Washington, D. C., special investigator for a committee of the U. S. Senate. The committee wants to know if it is true what they are saying about Capehart's election.

The Senate wants to know whether the juke box manufacturer was elected to its august body by fraud, and also how much cash he paid to defeat Henry Schricker. The theory is "plenty."

Fact that Washington is interested in Indiana's election is further attested in a statement by James P. McGranery, assistant to the attorney general, that he has advised both Mr. Caughran and Alex Campbell, district attorney for Northern Indiana, to study any complaints of election irregularities they receive.

Suggesting still a third inquiry, by the special state senate committee created at the last special session of the Legislature, Earl Richert, political editor of the INDIANAPOLIS TIMES, wrote Nov. 9:

"It seems clear that there was either wholesale incompetence or wholesale fraud here—maybe a little of both."

The incompetence or fraud or whatever it was was highlighted by two incredible occurrences:

Midnight Drunk Party

A reputed midnight drunk party in the county clerk's office in the Marion county courthouse, in which several thousands of Democratic registration cards were scattered on the floor and discarded, and—

An irregularly delivered opinion by Attorney General James A. Emmert, who himself was running for re-election on the Republican ticket, and who is charged with disregarding the proper conduct of his office to disfranchise thousands of Democratic voters over the State.

Suspicion of conspiracy to steal the election in Marion county is based upon the action of "Ajax" Tilson, the county clerk, who controls the registration and election machinery for all 373 precincts—subject to Boss Bradford who gave him the job.

Tilson sounded his keynote on March 16 last at a meeting of the Caravan Club in Murat Temple, when he called upon all Republicans to cease fighting among themselves and concentrate against the Democrats.

Tilson Consistent Professional Politician

As for himself, he has been consistent. Although on a public payroll, financed from the taxes of all county property owners regardless of political affiliations, Tilson has allegedly played a heavy game of Republican politics. His contribution to the Republican landslide in Indiana was to do the following:

Put every stumbling block possible in the way of registering factory workers.

Destroy public records of 20,000 legitimate Democratic voters on file in his office.

Eliminate the name of Democratic voters from the precinct poll books.

Delaying signing writs of error for the victims of his "confusion" so that they could not vote.

By his own admission, Tilson took his orders direct from Boss Bradford. On Bradford's orders, he dismissed Cleus Seibert, Democratic deputy clerk in charge of the Voters' Bureau, and transferred another deputy clerk heading the registration branch of the county clerk's office to another job.

In the place of these two men who would not go along in the conspiracy to rob the Democrats of their votes, Tilson substituted two men who could be depended upon, charges say.

These were Carroll Kramer, GOP Fourth Ward chairman, and George Johnson, secretary to the Marion County Republican Committee.

With respect to this switch, Richert says in the Indianapolis Times, November 9:

Bradford Admits the Theft

"What happened here on election day assumes added importance when one recalls the statement made publicly at the Columbia Club several weeks ago by Republican District Chairman James L. Bradford that, 'We won the election when we put Carroll Kramer and George Johnson in to handle registration.'"

Now, mishandling of the election was made possible in the first place by the law, which requires all voters who failed to cast ballots in the last election of 1942 to re-register in order to vote in 1944.

The same law mandates the 92 county clerks of the State to notify by mail all such voters and remind them to re-register. Tilson failed to send out the notices to 20,000 voters whose names were in his master file as disqualified to vote without re-registering. When reminded by Ernest Friek of the Board of Election Commissioners, of his legal obligations, Tilson replied that he had neither the help nor the money to send out the 20,000 penny postal cards—amounting to \$200. Instead his office allegedly threw away the 20,000 index cards of the unregistered voters.

Labor leaders, including Russell Houze, E. J. Williams and others representing the Teamsters' Union, acting with members



Here are some of the voters who flocked to the Marion County Circuit Court November 7 for mandates to compel County Clerk A. Jack Tilson to fulfill the functions of his office and grant them certificates of error, showing that they had registered and were entitled to vote in the national presidential election. The "errors" were made not by the voters themselves, but by Tilson or his employees, who he says could not read or write. Despite the fact that it was the GOP Machine-Tilson's fault, the GOP Machine Politician, Attorney General Emmert, ruled that the people could not vote without first going down to the courthouse, standing in line half the day, and obtaining the certificates of error.

of the Democratic County Committee now undertook to re-register these 20,000 voters and others who had moved into the State since 1942.

They found that Tilson had provided no facilities for registration.

On August 30 the labor leaders, numbering 25, descended upon Tilson's office demanding that he provide these facilities.

According to the Hoosier Sentinel, of November 10, Tilson pledged at that time that he would appoint extra registration clerks and set up sufficient branch bureaus to permit all prospective voters in the county to register.

Instead, he appointed seven roving registration teams and undertook to sign up some of the voters.

But, according to Democratic county officials, when Democratic or independent voters appeared at the registration bureaus the GOP bosses promptly ordered the bureaus closed and reported, "we ran out of supplies."

On one occasion Tilson announced that he would have a registration bureau open on a certain day in a certain precinct. Many citizens went to the address given—only to find it was not opened. Tilson explained that "the Republican Ward Chairman objected to the operation of the bureau."

After exerting heroic efforts, with the aid of the labor leaders, the Democrats succeeded in obtaining a record registration in the face of all obstacles "Boss" Bradford and his stooges could create.

Records Hopelessly Confused

Then, just before election day, it was discovered that the registration records in the county clerk's office were so mixed up, lost, or misplaced that thousands of voters' names did not appear on the proper precinct registration books.

Tilson blamed the "errors" on employees of his office who couldn't read or write after frankly admitting that "thousands of mistakes have been found."

He promised that he would have "most of the errors corrected before election day."

Again under pressure from groups demanding a fair election Tilson promised "precinct clerks will be provided with affidavits which the voters may fill out if they find they are not registered in their proper precinct."

That appeared, for the moment, to indicate Tilson's desire to let all persons, entitled to do so, cast their vote Nov. 7.

But that hope, says the Sentinel on Nov. 10, was blasted when James A. Emmert, Attorney General of Indiana, and GOP machine nominee for re-election to that office, issued a statement Nov. 4.

His Honor Gives Opinion

His statement was couched as "an official opinion," to Edwin K. Steers, GOP member of the State Board of Election Commissioners.

Emmert declared that regardless of the fact that a person had appeared at an official registration place, legally registered to vote Nov. 7, obtained a receipt certifying to such registration, he could not vote if he appeared at the voting place and found that "Boss" Bradford's stooges in County Clerk A. Jack Tilson's office had not placed his name in the proper precinct book. Emmert declared that Tilson could not permit such voters to cast their ballot, as Tilson had promised, by making proper affidavit swearing to his or her right to cast such ballot.

Emmert declared, in effect, that the voter must come down to the county clerk's office, obtain a "certificate of error" from A. Jack Tilson, go back to the voting place and then re-apply for "permission" from "Boss" Bradford's ward and precinct politicians to vote.

Then came election day. Thousands of Marion county voters, 95 per cent of them Democrats and independents, found their names had been removed from the precinct registration books when they appeared to vote. Most of them possessed their registration receipts, issued by the county clerk. All were willing to make affidavit that they were legally registered voters.

But under Jim Emmert's personal ruling, which he sent to all county clerks, circumventing the state election board, they were denied their right to vote and were ordered to go to the county clerk's office to obtain a "certificate of error."

HERE'S THE LATEST FROM TERRE HAUTE LOCAL NO. 144

By JACK REYNOLDS

We were really surprised the other day when one of our former members, Harold Williams, stopped in to see us. He was home on a short furlough after seeing some active duty overseas. From the conversation we gathered that life in the Navy agrees with him. He's promised to give us his new address when he goes back on duty, so we'll pass it on to you as soon as we get it.

We have had hearings on two of our dispute cases recently. They are the Dairy Case and Hulman & Co. Now we're waiting for a decision from the War Labor Board. We'll give you the lowdown in the next issue, provided we have received the decisions by then.

Not long ago we received a V-mail letter from "somewhere in France." It was from Corporal Robert H. Russell and he was describing conditions in France—"The weather here is cold and damp. It rains every day and nearly every night. This country is about one hundred years behind in progress, it seems. If a person can't ride a bicycle he is out of luck, as one very seldom sees a vehicle except a G. I. We are located in a colder country but I haven't found any champagne yet. What I wouldn't give for a cold bottle of good old C. V.!" Bob's address is: Cpl. Robert H. Russell, 33568737, Med. Det. 90th Cav. Rcn. Sq. (Mech), APO 260, c/o Postmaster, New York.

Winnie Phelps, our steward at the South Plant, reports that everything is going along okay down there.

One of our boys in the Marine Corps, Jim McGough, has just been transferred to Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he now drives a truck instead of coaching recruits in the fine art of firing a rifle. He seems to think that driving a truck is simple compared to his former routine, which consisted of yelling "Firing line lock load, ready on the right, left, unlock, eyes on your target, targets!" Jim's new address is: Pfc. James E. McGough, H. and C. Company 4th Inf. Training Regt. T. C. S. D. A. F. M. F., Camp Pendleton, Calif.

We got a letter from Fort Smith, Ark., the other day. It seems that Herb Gray is now a First Class Private. Congratulations, Herb, and here's wishing you luck in getting that corporal's rating!

Our general meeting is held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p. m. at the Teamsters Temple.

TEAMSTER LEADERS TIRED OF WLB DELAYS

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was the general burden of complaints.

Some of the Council members expressed the belief that the Chicago board members are not on the job as constantly as they should be in view of the importance of their decisions.

Said one Council member:

"We know the board has many cases to hear and a lot of work to do, but that is why it was appointed. It has a big job to do, but it should do it in a big way, and not lay down at a time when so many others are doing big jobs."

Russell Houze, of Local 193, Indianapolis, said he was surprised at their own labor member on the Trucking Panel, Kenneth Henley.

"Henley seems to favor some of our unions and discriminate against others, without rhyme or reason," said Houze. He cited several instances of unaccountable delays on the part of the panel of which Henley is a member.

An instance, typical of many, is that of the Polk Milk Co. drivers in Indianapolis, whose representative, C. E. Davis, of Local 188, however, was not present at the meeting.

It was pointed out that Davis has had his case before the board since November 5, 1943, and is only now getting action.

The case, involving 196 applications from a total of 214 employees, was certified to the Trucking Panel of the Sixth Regional Board by the War Labor Board in Washington on the November date. The panel heard the case January 19, 1944, and at that time ruled the case to be out of its jurisdiction, on the theory that the milk company was not a war-related industry. This was despite the fact that the company was supplying hospitals and army bases.

Davis appealed and won a decision. Then the company appealed and lost, so that the case was remanded to the Regional Board for settlement.

Therefore, a panel of three WLB regional members reheard the case in Federal Bldg., Indianapolis, on October 30, and are now considering the union's demands. These include maintenance of membership, wage increases, vacation with pay and the shop steward clause. The panel's decision, however, will be subject to approval by the Regional Board. And both decisions are yet to come.

Self-Employed Vets Get Help

INDIANAPOLIS. — Veterans of this war who have come back, entered "self-employment," but are not yet firmly established, may be eligible for monthly readjustment allowances of up to \$100 a month, Everett L. Gardner, Indiana Employment Security Division director, said.

Division local offices take claims in November for self-employed veterans whose net earnings fell below \$100 in October, first month that that phase of the G. I. Bill of Rights become operative.

The Division, unlike its role in payment of \$20 weekly readjustment allowances to the veteran seeking work, will act only as agent for the state representative of the Veterans Administration in taking claims from the self-employed. Determinations as to who is eligible rest finally with the state veterans' representative.

The term, "self-employed," Gardner said, includes not only those veterans actually in business for themselves, but also includes salesmen on a straight commission basis who control their own activities.

Gardner said that to be eligible, the veteran must have been engaged in self-employment throughout the full calendar month.

His net earnings must have been less than \$100. The veteran, if he had some earnings from self-employment, would receive the difference between the net and \$100 a month.

ON THE BANKS OF THE WABASH WITH LOCAL 417

By CHARLES MILLER

We are glad to see that Brother Maurice Bell is home after serving overseas. Brother Bell formerly worked at the Tip Top Creamery Co.

Brother Clifford Goodman of U. S. Navy is home on shore leave after overseas duty.

We are very glad to hear that one of our brothers, Samuel Burke, has been wounded in combat duty overseas. Good luck, Sam!

Just had a conversation with Brother Bud Clark, who has been overseas for 31 months, and is now home on furlough. Brother Clark says that Vincennes is the best town in the world.

We had a meeting with the City Freight operators November 9, at which time we started negotiations on our new contract.

Most road jobs in this jurisdiction are now nearing completion.

We wish to thank Mr. Harris of radio station WAOV and Mr. Greenlee of the Vincennes newspaper for their fine co-operation in broadcasting and advertising Brother Tobin's address on November 2.

We are still waiting for the WLB to act on our City Ice contract.

We wish to express our gratitude to Governor Schricker for his efforts to extend voting hours so that it was more convenient for laboring men and women to go to the polls to cast their ballot.

We still urge those who have any grievances against the Business Agent or any other officers, to please attend the meetings, and be gentlemen enough to discuss matters of this kind on the floor of the meeting instead of in taverns or in places of employment.

We all wish to extend our sympathy to our President, Frank Blice and his brother Floyd, in the loss of their father.

Some of our members are of the opinion that the 15 per cent Little Steel Formula has been raised, which is untrue. This is only under consideration. However, we can still live in hopes.

Let's all use our best efforts to have more attendance at our meetings, and thus develop better meetings.

Sixth War Loan Seeks Labor's Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Organized labor is expected to exceed its splendid record of previous drives in the Sixth War Loan, which opens November 20. The over-all goal of the drive, ending December 16, is \$14,000,000,000.

The quota for purchases by individuals is \$5,000,000,000. It is hoped that at least \$2,500,000,000 of the individual purchases will be in E Bonds.

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., estimated that members of labor unions have bought between \$10,000,000,000 and \$12,000,000,000 worth of War Bonds during the past three years. This is about one-third of all War Bonds sold by the Treasury.

Although the war with Germany is nearing an end, this will mean that the entire Allied Nations battle is only half won. Tremendous sums will be needed for the last half of the conflict—the campaign to defeat Japan.

What labor has done in the past it must do again.

Teamster Killed in France

Officials of Teamsters' Local 135 were distressed recently to learn that one of their members, Staff Sergeant Walter David Franklin Knop, had been killed in action in France.

Brother Knop's death occurred September 15, according to word received by his cousin Mrs. Pauline Cox, 2038 North Dearborn St., Indianapolis, with whom he had made his home while employed here.

He was 22 year old at the time of his death and 19 when he entered service in August, 1942. He went overseas in October of the next year, serving with the Infantry.

Before joining the Army, Brother Knop was employed by the Strohm Warehouse and Cartage Co., the company members and employees of which join with Local 135 in grieving his death.

Sgt. Knop was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knop, of Binemont, Ala.

Survivors, besides the parents and Mrs. Cox, are three brothers, LaVerne, serving with a construction battalion unit of the Navy, who was formerly in the South Pacific, but who is now at home in Alabama on furlough; Private Jack Knop and Ray Knop, Alabama; four sisters, Mrs. Sadama Bibbs, Miss Jane Knop, Miss Betty Knop and Miss Anne Knop, Alabama, and one nephew, also of Alabama.



SGT. FRANKLIN KNOP

In Memory of Them

I'm buying a bond for a freckled kid
Who lived down the street a way—
A boy with a dog just a while ago—
A name on a list today!
I'm buying a bond for a barefoot lad
Who only a short time back
Was romping the fields of the old home town
But died in a far attack!
I'm coming across in the memory
Of youngsters who left the town
With laughter and jokes and their heads held high
To take on the scrappers' frown;
The kids who were down in the swimmin' hole
Or played in the high school show—
The boys who'd be on the sandlots now ...
Except that it can't be so.
I'm signing for all I can take aboard.
I thought I had done my share
Until in the home town sheet today
I saw "Johnny Adams" there;
He'd brought me my papers every night
A child on a bike bright red;
He's riding the path to the house right now,
I thought ... but the lad is dead!
A duty? A noble and handsome act,
This taking of War Bonds? Bunk!
Since when was investment on sure things
A sacrifice? Scrap such junk!
I'm doing a painless and little thing;
One sales point alone rings true!
My debt to those lads from the old home town—
Who, asked for their lives, CAME THROUGH!
—The Boilermakers Journal.

LAFAYETTE NEWS BULLETINS FROM LOCAL 543

By S. W. HELTON

The election at the Sunshine Dairy, resulting from our dispute with the Firemen and Oilers of Chicago, was held Tuesday, October 31st, and resulted as follows:
Six firemen in the plant voting.
All six voting for Teamsters and none for the Firemen and Oilers.

As of October 25, 1944, we received approval from the WLB of our increase for the City Freight and Furniture Drivers. This is an increase of 3 cents per hour, and two weeks vacation after five years service.

Our lumber and builders supply contract is still pending.

The Davis drivers are about finished up north, and are gradually returning home.

The Alton Box Board Co., of Lafayette, are putting on their own trucks and we are negotiating for a contract. The North Star has been doing their hauling.

EVANSVILLE TEAMSTERS

Chauffeurs, Teamsters & Helpers Local No. 215

General meeting for all drivers first Sunday, 2:00 p. m., Auditorium, 210 N. Fulton Ave. C. B. Birdsong, Pres., 533-B S. Kentucky, Phone 3-9264; M. J. Angel, Sec.-Treas., 511 N. Kerth; General offices, Lamasco Bank Bldg., Fulton and Franklin Sts., Phone 2-5439.

Taxicab Drivers Local No. 11

Meets first Tuesday at 9:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m., Hall 108, 210 N. Fulton. William Schlageter, Pres., 317 N.W. Sixth St., Phone 3-8913; Lloyd Rhoads, Sec.-Treas., 2512 N. Lafayette, Phone 8562.

The Moral of This Story Is—Bosses Shouldn't Be So Wise!

Don't misunderstand the girls at the headquarters of Joint Council 69, IBTWC & H, 28 West North St., Indianapolis. They are no more anxious to see the war drag on than you are. But ...

When the bosses offered early in October to bet that Germany would be out of the war by November 1, it sounded silly.

It sounded silly to Reva Fouch, secretary of Local 193, when C. E. Davis, head of Local 188, walked in from his office across the hall and offered the bet.

"I'll take that, for a box of candy, and I hope I lose," said Reva,

EAST CHICAGO LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTH

We now have the State Highway drivers and helpers in Lake and Porter Counties organized. The men are now represented by Locals 520, 142 and 362. We have had several meetings with the Highway Commissioners in regard to wages and vacations for the men.

The new Slag Mill at the Inland Steel slag dump, is now employing Local 520 drivers.

No news on the City Freight contract, which is still in Washington, D. C.

Rumors are flying around that Kelloggs will start soon on their Standard Oil job.

In Gary they call him Mike "Fred Astaire" Sawochka. Oh, boy, can he dance!

At the blow out, or some people call it "party," I noticed that some of our boys did a bad job of holding their liquor.

Ray Hilijanic, formerly of McKeown Transportation Co., was home on a furlough and looking good.

Harry Ethington, a former member, has been discharged by the Army and is now working at Wilmington, Ill. They tell me he recently got hitched.

Doc Hamilton received his discharge, and is back working.

Ray Shellabarger of Lake City, is now with the U. S. Marines. He wrote and said everything was O. K.

By strange coincidence the Lake County Democratic party's headquarters are located in the Victory Bldg., in East Chicago. I wonder if that helped? Of course, our office is in the same building.

Libel Suit Held Political Trick

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"In addition to the affidavits printed in this issue, 15 or 20 more are in the possession of the Senate committee investigating the affair," says the article. "Some of them are from men who hold membership in The American Legion, having served overseas in the last war. One is from a father who has lost a son in this war. This father was one of the men cursed by the naval officers."

Two of the affidavits published were made by women guests of the hotel, not connected with the union.

All the affidavits were obtained by a Senate investigating committee, headed by Senator Green of Rhode Island.

and began counting on her fingers how many days until November 1.

Then in came Davis' secretary, June Wurglar, and sadly told her boss that he was a sucker for being so optimistic. "For how could Germany be out of the war by November 1?"

Thereupon Russell Houze, President of the Joint Council, and Reva's boss, joined the argument and made the same bet with June.

Now, the wars go on, and no one likes that. But the girls got the candy. And the moral to all bosses is don't be so wise.